

CITY OF IDAHO SPRINGS
County of Clear Creek
State of Colorado

Resolution No. 25, Series 2020

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A “YES” VOTE ON CITY BALLOT QUESTION 2A TO CHANGE THE JOB OF CITY CLERK FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO A HIRED POSITION

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-4-105, the registered electors of the City of Idaho Springs, Colorado (“City”) elect a City Clerk from the City at large; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-4-107(4), the Idaho Springs City Council (“City Council”) is authorized to refer to City electors a proposal that the position of City Clerk be made appointive rather than elective, such appointment to be made by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the vast majority of municipal clerks in Colorado are appointed (hired) rather than elected and that such practice results in a larger and more diverse pool of potential candidates to fill the position and promotes long-term stability in the position, both of which would serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has therefore referred to City electors this November a ballot question asking the electors whether they wish to change the Clerk position from an elected position to an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a “yes” vote on said ballot question could facilitate the vetting, hiring and long-term retention of a qualified City Clerk and reduce the potential challenges presented by transitioning a newly-elected candidate into that position every four years; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Campaign Practices Act, in C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A), expressly allows the City Council to adopt a resolution taking a position of advocacy on a ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore wishes to support and encourage a “yes” vote on City Ballot Question 2A appearing on City elector ballots this coming November 3, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Idaho Springs, Colorado as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Idaho Springs supports a “yes” vote on the following City of Idaho Springs Ballot Question 2A at the November 3, 2020 election:

WITHOUT AFFECTING THE CURRENT TERM OF THE CITY CLERK, SHALL THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK BE CHANGED TO BE HIRED (APPOINTED) BY THE CITY COUNCIL RATHER THAN ELECTED?

YES _____ NO _____

Section 2. The adoption of this Resolution shall not be reported or distributed through any means other than the established, customary means by which information about City Council proceedings is

regularly provided to the public, in strict conformance with C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(B).

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Idaho Springs, Colorado, held on the 12th day of October, 2020.

Michael Hillman, Mayor

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED:

Diane Breece, City Clerk